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# Service Ontario office stays open

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

The Minden Service Ontario office along Highway 35 will continue to operate.

The province announced Feb. 16 that the Minden location, and eight other Service Ontario sites it had said last spring would close by the end of 2016, will all remain open.

"The government has finalized its review and the Service Ontario centres in Mississauga, Terrace Bay, Milton, Guelph, Morrisburg, Embrun, Minden, Kemptville and Blind River will remain open, "reads correspondence from Christine Levin, director of Service Ontario's east region retail offices branch. "As part of this review, we consulted with impacted communities and determined that keeping the centres open would ensure that we continue to provide the best service to our customers."

The *Times* initially learned in May of last year that the province had plans to close the location along Highway 35, where residents go for driver's licence and health card renewals, licence plate stickers, hunting and fishing licences and a number of other services, at the end of November, as more of its services become available online.

It had planned to close eight other offices as well.

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# **Catch the Cure**

Minden's Ryanne Mann, 5, reacts to seeing her reflection after her face was painted at the fourth annual Catch the Cure event on Saturday, Feb. 18 in Minden. Held at the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena and in town, the event helped to raise awareness and money for FAST (Foundation for Angelman Syndrome Therapeutics). See more on page 2.

**DARREN LUM Staff** 

# AH adds staff with 2017 budget

by CHAD INGRAM

Times Staff

Algonquin Highlands township is adding a full-time clerk to its staff roster and turning a formerly part-time position in the park,

rec and trails department into a full-time one with its 2017 budget.

Councillors for the township held two days of budget talks on Feb. 15 and 16.

The 2017 budget represents a 7.7 per cent increase over the 2016 tax levy, with a total

of approximately \$4.7 million to be levied through taxation.

Five per cent of that tax levy increase – or about \$223,000 – is the result of the yearly rise in the township's OPP bill.

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Catch the Cure co-organizer Sue Tiffin holds her four-year-old daughter Harper, who has Angelman Syndrome, with co-organizer Bethan McCutcheon at the fourth annual Catch the Cure event on Saturday, Feb. 18 in Minden. Held at the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena and in town, the event helped to raise awareness and money for FAST (Foundation for Angelman Syndrome Therapeutics), which is working towards a cure for Angelman Syndrome. The event raised more than \$10,000 (preliminary figure) from the hundreds who attended. The silent auction included close to 220 donations for bidding. More than \$50,000 has been raised for FAST in the history of the event. Angelman Syndrome is a neuro-genetic disorder that causes children to be nonverbal, developmentally delayed and possibly face epilepsy and sleep and movement disorders.



Gravenhurst's Judah Burns, 2, plays with his uncle Jack Cocoran of Gravenhurst at the fourth annual Catch the Cure event on Saturday, Feb. 18 in Minden outside the local arena. This unique community event, only one of this scale to fundraise for Angelman Syndrome in the province, drew the public to enjoy skating, snowman building contests, face painting, a silent auction, dinner and more. DARREN LUM Staf

# Catching a cure for Angelman Syndrome



Left, there were a variety of items such as sports memorabilia and this rooster bird house up for grabs in the silent auction at the annual Catch the Cure event.

Below, children play at the craft table



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# Water system upgrade on township's list

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That increase brings Algonquin Highlands' OPP bill for 2017 to more than \$960,000.

This is the third year of five-year phase-in of a new OPP billing formula that redistributes total OPP costs throughout the province on a per-household basis. The province considers cottages to be households. Because the OPP cost increases are out of municipal control, local councils opt to pass that price increase directly to taxpayers each year.

The remaining 2.7 per cent of the tax levy increase is for municipal purposes. Algonquin Highlands is in the process of hiring a full-time clerk, a new position for which about \$70,000 has been allocated. Council also decided to make a position in the parks, rec and trails department that has previously been part-time for part of the year into a full-time position, at a cost of \$15,000. Councillors believe having an additional full-time employee in the department will allow the township to increase its trails

Facing a shortfall of approximately \$280,000, council whittled that amount down to about \$30,000.

"We've been haggling department heads for \$1,000 here, \$1,000 there," said Reeve Carol Moffatt, explaining the money was largely found through small reductions in various areas of the township budget.

Councillors also decided to go to fewer conferences for the year and increased anticipated revenues through building permits and planning fees.

"We've been conservative in budgeting revenues," Moffatt said, adding that, historically, the revenues attained through these avenues ends up being more than budgeted for.

About \$19,000 will be spent to upgrade the drinking water system at the municipal complex along North Shore Road, where iron levels have left the water unfit for consumption. There will be a new landing and docks at Kawagama Lake and the completion of the addition at the municipal office on North Shore Road, a project that was paused after the contractor defaulted on the job last year.

The largest single item in the budget is roads, for which approximately \$1.8 million is allocated.



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— ALGONQUIN HIGHLANDS REEVE CAROL MOFFATT



# Tapping the Dorest tower for telecommunications

by CHAD INGRAM

Times Staff

Xplornet would like to use the Dorset lookout tower property as an operations site, either by installing equipment on the property or attaching antannae to the tower owned by Algonquin Highlands township.

Consultant Lorne Galbraith visited township councillors during a Feb. 16 meeting to make the pitch.

Xplornet is proposing to pay the municipality \$6,000 in annual rent for the use of space, for an initial period of 10 years. "We have problems with and a big need for access to high-

speed Internet," said Reeve Carol Moffatt. Councillors asked how many residents would benefit as a result of the proposed project.

Galbraith said the equipment would cover a radius of about

30 kilometres, with the ability to connect to other towers.

"It would speed up Internet for existing customers, as well," he said.

Deputy-reeve Liz Danielsen suggested the township should perhaps have a policy for dealing with such proposals.

"We don't have a policy about this," Danielsen said. "We need to think about the tower and what it can bear."

Chief administrative officer Angie Bird suggested that if council wished to proceed, that an engineering study be conducted to see if the tower can handle the weight, the wind resistance, etc.

"We have some different uses [for the tower]," Moffatt said, adding, for example, that the township has installed a web cam on the structure. "Does council consider this a conflicting use or a complementary use?"

Councillor Brian Lynch said he saw benefits to Xplornet's proposal, but that caution needed to be taken, particular regarding the aesthetics of the tower.

"Living in an under-serviced area is sometimes a bit of a challenge," Lynch said. "I see this as a big plus. Any additions shouldn't be too intrusive. If you look at the top of the tower now, it looks messy."

"I know it is a tourist place up there," Galbraith said. "You could put it back in the trees, hidden.'

Councillors told Galbraith they were interested, but would like to see drawings and also a coverage map.

"We would like to see what it would do for folks in Algonquin Highlands," said Councillor Marlene Kyle. Dorset sits partly in Algonquin Highlands township and partly in Lake of Bays township in the District of Muskoka, so some of the beneficiaries of the project would be residents of Muskoka, not Haliburton County.

Lynch said he'd also like to see co-location with a cell company to provide cellular service.

# Province backs off nine planned Service Ontario office closures

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There was public outpouring of anger in these communities, with thousands of residents signing online petitions, and in June, the province announced it was putting the closures on hold as it conducted a review.

"This is a great news story," said Minden Hills Reeve and Haliburton County Warden Brent Devolin. "Lots of times, policy decisions are made from afar without any critical

Devolin said he thought the public blowback played a large part in the government's decision, as well as a closer assessment of the situation.

"They'd just done all that accessibility work, for instance," he said of recent upgrades to the Minden office. "I think the fact were borne out.'

There are two full-time employees - one permanent and one on a contract – currently working at the Minden Service Ontario office. Hours of operation will remain the same, with the location open 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

# **MEETINGS & EVENTS**

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# Fire and ice

Left, participants run with snowshoes around the bonfire at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre, as part of the Fire and Ice event on Sunday, Feb. 19 in Minden. The event included a sampling of fine food and special cognac, scotch, craft beer and wine. There were also outdoor games such as a tug-o-war and a prize for "best dressed hoser." The participating local restaurants and businesses included the Domininon Hotel, Molly's Bistro, Norm's Smokehouse and the Wintergreen Maple Syrup and Pancake Barn.

Below left, people gather around the bonfire at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre.

Below, there was plenty of support for participants in the tug-o-war event

**DARREN LUM Staff** 







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# Handing over the keys for new **Places for People project**

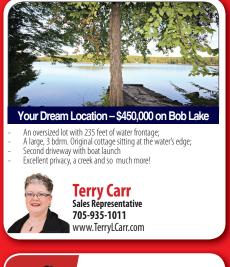
Haliburton Highlands Health Services president and CEO Carolyn Plummer, left, director, facilities and projects Peter Fearrey and its chairperson Dave Bonham (with Minden Hills Reeve and Haliburton County Warden Brent Devolin in attendance) presented the key to the newest residence for Places for People at 3 McPherson Street in Minden. P4P treasurer Max Ward, secretary on the board of directors. Shirley Moore and its vice-president Fav Martin accepted the key to their first leased property, which affords greater latitude when it comes to eligible renters.

The house will be leased and have expenses covered by P4P for five years from HHHS, who believed in this partnership to not only provide affordable housing, but also give them time to make a plan for the future use of the property. The house was purchased close to two years ago by HHHS with three other lots that back on to it. Volunteers will be needed to "beautify" the new residence, which will have occupants the beginning of April. For information email info@placesforpeople.ca.

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# **Small victories**

**CHAD INGRAM** 

Reporter

EVER UNDERESTIMATE the power of a group of angry people.

Last May, it seeped out into the community that the province intended to close the Service Ontario office along Highway 35 by the end of the year.

It planned to close eight other Service Ontario locations as well, many of them also situated in small communities.

The reason, the government said, was that many of the services offered at these

locations are now available online.

People were outraged, the story quickly picking up traction on social media. It went "Haliburton viral," to quote a phrase we sometimes use at the office.

It wasn't just Haliburton County residents who were angry. People in the other affected communities were just as incensed and soon, thousands of people were signing their names to petitions in protest of the province's plans, their MPPs taking those petitions to the floor of Queen's Park.

In June, the province announced it was putting the planned closures of the nine Service Ontario offices under review and last week, it announced that all would remain

At a time when many communities, particularly small ones north of the GTA that don't present much political incentive for the government, often feel ignored

by the province, the outcome is a victory that should be celebrated.

Those who took the time to sign their names to petitions should pat themselves on the back. Without those petitions, there would have been no review and the Minden Service Ontario location would have been shuttered in November.

Many of us use the site at least a few times a year to renew our licence plate stickers, driver's licences, hunting and fishing licences and so on.

> Business owners also use the location for services such as the renewal of lottery and gaming licences, etc.

While the province stressed the availability of many of these services online, the reality is that with signal gaps still existent throughout the community, reliable,

high-speed Internet at home is still unavailable to many Haliburton County residents.

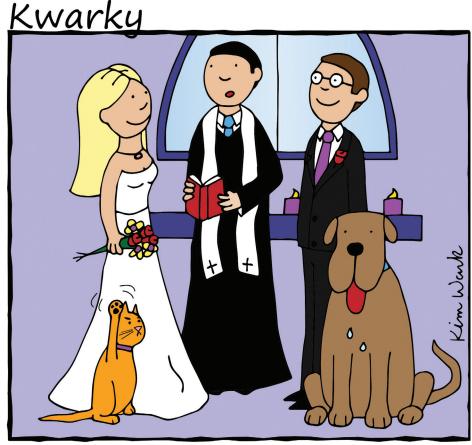
The reality is the community's demographics mean it is home to many seniors who don't use the Internet to begin with.

And even among those who do use the Internet, some people just prefer to do business face-to-face, with another human being, rather than through the cold, blue glare of a computer monitor.

In a community with low wages and high unemployment, the local Service Ontario office also provides a couple of pretty good jobs.

Its continued operation is a small victory.

But we'll take it.



"And if there are no objections..."

# Instagram and the sportsman

S A MIDDLE-AGED OUT-DOORSMAN, trying to make my way through an increasingly Internet-based world, I struggle with many things. For instance, why do so many people use Facebook but so few people actually bury their face in a book?

Nevertheless, I am starting to see that even the most traditional outdoors enthusiast can learn a thing or two from the online world. For example, here's one thing I've learned about outdoors forums. If you ever go to one and notice someone on the forum who domi-

nates the site and has posted thousands of posts, that's the person who probably hasn't actually been outside since 1987.

There are times when certain aspects of the Internet prove useful, however. Recently, my kids turned me onto Instagram and, as a fly tyer and angler, I am finding it useful and interesting. I get to see the work of some very skilled tyers and learn about

fly patterns that are used with some success around the world.

My own page (algonquinflytyingsupply) is even accumulating a small following of dedicated fly tyers and there is a nice exchange of information that is not only instructional but polite.

There have been many highlights such as when I hit 250 followers or when I realized that I didn't have to post something every evening. The high point, however, was when Snazzyvomit decided to follow my Instagram page.

That's right, Snazzyvomit.

Snazzy-V, as I call him, is a fly angler from northern California who is now waiting for his local rivers to "harsh their winter mellow." Make no mistake; he appears to be a skilled angler and fly tyer, but, as you can

see, his greatest talent is at making up really cool names.

How is this important?

Well, as a fly angler and fly tyer I'm always in search of very cool names for flies that I accidentally design. Take last week: I tied a fly whose materials included skunk hair, some muskrat dubbing, tinsel and hackles; and I tied it on the dining room table. It looked like it might have some promise too. This is solely based on my experience that brook trout or bass do not really care what a fly looks like so long as they are hungry and

it passes within easy reach.

The problem is, as I've discussed before, unless you give a fly a cool and memorable name you won't entice anyone to tie and fish it – and therefore it will not catch enough fish to become a household name, at least in the fly fishing community. And it's every fly tyer's dream to design a fly that it so well known that it can be prominently mentioned in his or her eulogy.

Try as I might, however, I could not find a cool name for my fly that fit.

I think we can all agree "Jenn's Annoyance" doesn't quite cut it. "Jenn's Fury" was a little closer to the mark, I guess. And I almost settled on "The Vacuumattractor" but decided that name could apply to just about any fly I tied on the dining room

No matter; this is precisely where Snazzy-V comes in.

I figure next time I run into this problem I will consult with my esteemed Instagram colleague and, hopefully, come up with a suitable name for the fly - perhaps "Brookiebarf" or something equally elegant.

And once that is done, the whole Instagram experience will have been worth it, no matter what that guy with 10,000 posts on the forum



**STEVE GALEA** Beyond 35

# **INOTHER**WORDS

Columns and Letters to the Editor

# Stuart McLean's illumination

TEWS OF A DEATH DOES NOT ALWAYS bring only dark sadness. Sometimes it brings illumination.

That was the case last week when we learned that Stuart McLean, an unpretentious Canadian icon, had passed away. He died at 68 of cancer.

McLean's death came at a time when we needed illumination. Our prime minister had just returned from Washington where his visit was considered of so little importance that they forgot his first name. Sean Spicer, Trump's vacuous press secretary, called him Joe Trudeau.

That, along with the avalanche roar of attention paid to Trump's megalomania, fed our Canadian inferiority complex. Once again overshadowed by the loud and hugely important cousin to the south, our Canadian littleness diminished to the size of a crumb fallen from a table.

However, the sorrowful news of McLean's passing reminded us that small and unassuming always trumps egotism and braggadocio. It reminded us that we are a humble people, willing to listen, willing to help and not afraid to laugh at ourselves.

It was indeed an illumination. The kind of illumination that McLean transmitted across the nation through his Vinyl Café variety radio show.



JIM POLING SR. From Shaman's Rock

McLean was a CBC radio and TV reporter who moved away from covering the so-called big and important issues concerning Canadians. He began reporting stories that might be considered less newsworthy. They were stories about everyday folks and provided insights into ordinary Canadians and their communities.

He started the Vinyl Café show in 1994. It was presented before live audiences in smaller communities across the country, and from time to time on the BBC and dozens of public radio stations in the United States. It toured 100 days each year, broadcasting

roughly a quarter of those on Saturdays.

The Vinyl Café was a fictional second-hand record store owned by Dave – he never had a last name – a bumbler who too often found himself in a pickle. His wife Morley was the sensible partner, usually extracting Dave from his predicaments.

The show also featured musical entertainment performed by lesser known musicians and McLean reading essays about communities and letters from the ordinary people who lived in them. People who worked with him said he regarded his essays as journalism and did extensive research before writing them.

"He reminded us that everything is important, even little things, and that means we're all important," Jess Milton, his producer for the last 13 years, was quoted in the New York Times' story on McLean's death.

The Vinyl Café told us about and helped us to understand parts of our country that are seldom reported on.

I recall first meeting Stuart McLean in the hallway at a broadcast industry meeting in the early 1980s, long before he invented the Vinyl Café. He reminded me of an Ichabod Crane character, long-limbed and angular in brown corduroy pants and a tweed jacket hanging off his frame. Hanging from one shoulder was a leather-cased tape recorder - a Sony TC-110 if my memory is correct – on which he captured his interviews.

Stuart McLean moved into fictional storytelling on the Vinyl Café, but he remained a reporter.

He was like thousands of journalists in Canada and the U.S. who work at (in many cases for small money) honestly and fairly reporting the theatre of our lives. They vigorously seek out facts and balanced opinions to get as close to the truth as is possible.

Sometimes parts of society do not like to hear the truth and reporters are given the blame for telling it. But that's just part of the job.

That's why it was an insult to Stuart's memory when Donald Trump this week called journalists the enemies of the American people. And most assuredly he meant that for journalists everywhere, including Canada.

Stuart McLean, through his reporting and his trademark storytelling, illuminated our lives and made us feel proud to be Canadians. He did that in a folksy, positive and humorous way.

Donald Trump, evidently suffering the advanced stages of malignant narcissism, makes the entire world feel afraid. Some worry that someday he will have us feeling like radioactive ash.

And he says journalists are the enemy?

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Blue skies set off the white of snow on a barn on Bobcaygeon Road in Minden. Photo taken by Guenter Horst

# Cut the cheese...

FEW YEARS AGO a personal training client came in to report that his doctor told him to "cut the cheese". Of course, I didn't quite know how to respond to that until we figured out that his doctor

actually said he should "cut back on the cheese." It's amazing what can get lost in translation. My client's first language is French.

In addition to providing us with a laugh, his doctor gave him a great piece of advice. He said "Cheese should be eaten as champagne is drank." That is brilliant advice. We are consuming far too much cheese these days.

An ounce of cheddar cheese contains approximately 115 calories. What does an ounce look

like? It's about the size of 4 dice, or one ninevolt battery. A medium sized banana has 105 calories. In addition to the difference in the volume of food, the nutritional make-up between the two is vastly different. The killer for the typical piece of cheese is the fat content. And all we need to know is that it is the bad fat we're talking about.

"Living in the lap of luxury isn't bad except that you never know when luxury is going to stand up." Orson Welles

I can't remember exactly when the cheese craze started but there was an evolution that led to it being everywhere, and in huge quantities. Try to think of the last time you went to a restaurant and attempted to order something

without cheese. Or even with just one type of high quality cheese as an ingredient. It is available, but so is pizza with a crust stuffed with cheese. Right



How about we set up a challenge that for the next week we limit our cheese consumption to one nine-volt battery a day? Sure things may not taste as good intially but you will eat them anyway. And the amazing thing is, you'll be healthier for it.

Something to think about.

Laurie Sweig is a certified personal trainer and Spinning instructor. She is one of the founders of The Point for Fitness. www.thepointforfitmess.com.



# **Carquest champs**

On Jan. 31 the Minden Curling Club held the annual Minden Carquest Senior Men's Bonspiel. The overall winning team, and winner of the Carquest trophy, was from the Haliburton Curling Club. The team members consisted of, from left to right, Mitch Stephen-vice, Rick Dingman-second, Dave Ogilvie-lead and Don Wetmore-skip. Congratulations to Don and his team. Submitted by Bert

# Horseshoe Lake Road closure extended

by CHAD INGRAM Times Staff

The closure of a portion of Horseshoe Lake Road south of Bethel Road will last longer than Parks Canada initially anticipated.

In early December, the federal agency closed a portion of the road as it got to work on the replacement of the Horseshoe

That project is one of a number of dam rehabs and replacements that will be performed throughout Haliburton County, representing about \$40 million of \$570 million the federal government is spending on improvements to the Trent Severn

While the road closure had been anticipated to last until the end of February, a Feb. 16 press release from Parks Canada says the closure is now scheduled to last until early April, at which point one lane of the road will be reopened.

"Due to a prolonged and greater than average January thaw,

contractors experienced delays building a cofferdam that would divert the Gull River around the construction site," the release reads. "The cofferdam is now operational and sluices 1 & 2 have been demolished. The water management strategy on the Gull River will not change. The remaining two sluiceways will be available to accommodate the increased flows that are experienced during the spring melt."

According to the release, both lanes should be reopened to traffic in early May.

Much of the infrastructure of the Trent Severn Waterway is more than a century old. The dam at Horseshoe Lake was constructed in 1909.

The new dam will include a pedestrian walkway that will allow for viewing the Minden Wild Water Preserve, located just below the dam at the head of the Gull River.

Anyone with any questions about the project can send an email to Ont.TrentSevern@pc.gc.ca and write "Horseshoe Lake Dam" in the subject heading. Updates on projects in the county can be found at www.pc.gc.ca/tswHaliburton.

# AH council costs \$126K for 2016

by CHAD INGRAM

Times Staff

Algonquin Highlands council cost just more than \$126,000 to operate for 2016.

Councillors received a treasury report on their 2016 remuneration during a Feb. 16 council meeting.

Reeve Carol Moffatt was paid just more than \$27,000, accrued about \$3,500 in benefits and \$725 for other expenses for a total of just more than \$31,300.

Deputy-reeve Liz Danielsen was paid just more than \$21,00, used \$2,660 in benefits, charged nearly \$1,600 in mileage and had other expenses of nearly \$800 for a total of just over \$26,670.

Councillor Lisa Barry, Brian Lynch and Marlene Kyle were each paid just more than \$18,100. Barry used more than \$5,000 in benefits, charged about \$460 in mileage and had \$25 in other expenses for a total of just more than

Lynch used about \$2,600 in benefits and charged about \$1,600 in mileage for a total of approximately \$22,300 and Kyle had about \$3,100 in benefits, \$1,320 in mileage and \$15 in other expenses for a total of about \$22,630.

Moffatt and Danielsen also sit on the township's committee of adjustment, for which they each receive per diem payments of \$1,500.

Other members of the committee - Gerald Bain, John Clayton, Jim Gould and Jim Harrison – received per diem payments of between \$1,350 and \$1,850, with mileage charges ranging from about \$45 to about \$250. The total costs for the committee of adjustment for the year were just more than \$10,700.

Danielsen also sits on the board of the Rural Ontario Municipal Association and accrued about \$3,200 in expenses in that capacity, as well as a \$300 honorarium, those costs paid through the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.

No ranked ballots

by CHAD INGRAM

Times Staff

Algonquin Highlands council has passed on the use of the

Last year, the Ontario Ministry of Municipal Affairs and

Housing granted municipalities the option of using the ranked

ballot system starting with the 2018 municipal elections, if

In the ranked ballot system, voters rank their preferred can-

didates in order on ballots. If a candidate receives the major-

ity of the votes, that candidate wins. If no candidate receives

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the fewest votes is eliminated and the votes are redistributed accordingly. This process repeats until one candidate accrues

"It's a complicated process," Bird told councillors at a Feb.

"Ranked ballots make no sense in a ward system," said

Other councillors agreed, with no appetite to change the

16 meeting. "It's not really something that fits this small

Reeve Carol Moffatt, noted that often, wards have only two

ommended against the use of the method.

candidates each. "One wins and one loses."

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# **Scenes from Dorset Snowball 2017**

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The 27th Annual Dorset Snowball Winter Carnival on Friday and Saturday, Feb. 17 and 18 was a huge success with well over 1,500 people attending. Everyone had tons of fun participating in the plethora of activities that were available. Friday was a beautiful night and Saturday a gorgeous day with moderate temperatures and sunshine galore! If you attended Snowball and have photos you would like to share, email them to info@dorsetsnowball.com and organizers will post to the gallery at www. dorsetsnowball.com

Congratulations to Snowball cardboard toboggan race winners in the following categories: ages six and under, Meghan Walker won best decorated, Grace Topp won furthest distance and Amelia Moniz won fastest; ages seven to 11, Jessica Yoo won best decorated, A. J. Wakelin won furthest distance and Jack Walker won fastest; team category, the "Bramptonians" took two trophies for furthest distance and fastest and the "Moniz Kids" won best decorated. There were no entries in the ages 12 and up category. Organizers hope to encourage more adult participation in next year's races. Thanks to the OPP Minden detachment auxiliary officers for coming out to measure speeds for the races and thanks to Ron and Karla MacKay for jumping in at the last minute to help on the hill!

There was a good turn-out for the hockey shoot out and adult versus kids shinny game but unfortunately, due to the most beautiful and fantastic weather, "Hockey Night In Dorset" had to be cancelled as ice conditions deteriorated.

Happy Birthday to Jamie Hurley and Happy Anniversary to Gail and Ted Hope. If you have items or birthdays for the Dorset News, please send them along to malfano@hotmail.ca













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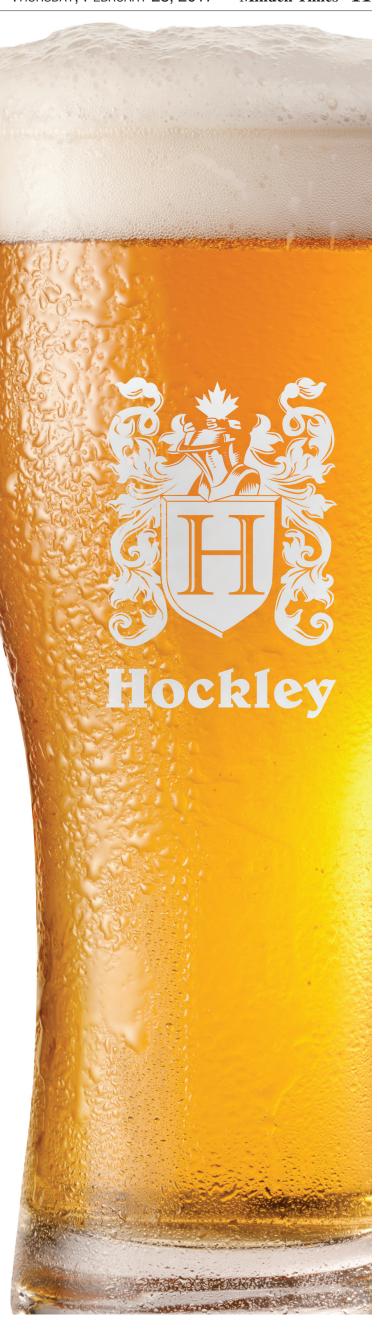
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# Construction on new palliative wing on schedule

by ANGELICA INGRAM

Times Staff

While the weather has brought more snow than some might want, it hasn't delayed progress on the new Haliburton Highlands Health Services Palliative Care Centre at the Haliburton hospital.

A tour of the facility last week gave an in-depth look at the project progressing on schedule, with a completion date of mid to late May and occupancy expected by mid June, said Ben Jardine, engineering manager with Greystone Construction.

"We have had a lot of good progress recently," he said.

The construction site typically has between three to 10 employees on location every day.

The work began inside, with the crew setting up the hoarding walls and drywall partition inside the hallway.

"Then the noise started. We got in with hammers and chisels and started breaking away. There were areas we had to shore up or temporarily support while we cut away sections of the roof ... that was certainly the messiest part of the job."

Around the time of the tour, which was on Feb. 16, the crew was working on the foundation level, constructing insulated concrete forms.

"Quite literally these big Lego blocks that connect together with Styrofoam on each side and we fill that core solid with reinforced concrete," said Jardine. "The benefit of this over poured concrete is, No. 1 the insulation stays so you get excellent long-term performance, with minimal heat loss. Also having the modular blocks means that we can

work better to the ground, so we don't have to dig down as far."

Jardine said the company was targeting a concrete pour for the beginning of this week.

"Everything is dependent on weather at this stage of the job," he said.

The concrete pour will be a huge milestone for the project, as it will mean the crew will then be working above the ground, framing walls and starting to enclose the new palliative care wing.

"Just in time for the good weather we'll be starting to work inside," Jardine joked.

The wing will have wood frame walls, which is the same for the majority of the hospital.

The roof will be a PVC membrane, which is heat welded together and can expand up to 200 per cent before it starts to tear or risk any holes, he said.

"The whole front of the building will have big windows," he said. "It will go quick from this point on."

The project is using a number of local businesses, such as Emmerson Lumber, Greg Bishop Surveying, Churko Electric, Blair Sand and Gravel and Haliburton Lumber, to name a few.

"Being from a small town ourselves, it's important for us to try and use local vendors as much as possible," said Jardine.

The engineering manager said health and safety is paramount.

"On a project such as this, where there are lots of people around the facility one of the most important things for us is to just have a record of who was on the job site at all times ... that's sort of a No. 1 priority."

Jardine said the project is running on time with minimal interruptions.





"We're soon to be ahead of schedule if the pour goes well and we can get some framing up next week," he said. "In the next two weeks you will see the shape of the addition."

The project is expected to cost a total of \$1.25 million, which is being fundraised by the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation. To date \$1.068 million has been raised, said executive director Dale Walker.

Above, engineering manager for Greystone Construction, Ben Jardine, right, outlines some of the progress that has happened so far for the Haliburton Highlands Health Services new Palliative Care Centre during a tour on Feb. 16. The project is progressing on schedule with a completion date set for mid-May, with occupancy expected by mid-June.

Left, construction on the new Haliburton Highlands Health Services Palliative Care Centre is on schedule, with between three to 10 employees on site a day. Many local businesses have been used for the project, including Emmerson Lumber, Churko Electric, Blair Sand and Gravel and more. ANGELICA INGRAM Staff

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# Junior ballers dominate Kawartha playoffs

by DARREN LUM Times Staff

The timing of the Red Hawks junior boys' basketball team's maturation couldn't have been better.

It's a beautiful thing when a team shows it can execute a coach's strategy and stay within itself towards achieving success.

Hawks head coach Gord Cochrane had a large smile, commenting on the "nice team victory" and its showcase of work ethic and execution on both sides of the ball, following the 35-20 win against the Norwood Knights in the A Kawartha championship final in

"The guys really played well. I told them at the beginning of the game I don't want anyone taking three-point shots and they ... you could see them sometimes ... I want to shoot this [three]. I really want to shoot this. You could just read it on their faces and then they resisted," he said. "I told them don't take a three pointer. We're going to get a little 15-footer shot and a 12-foot. They're much better percentage shot and they did it. I was really pleased. They played good defence."

He adds, the team also played responsibly with the ball, limiting turnovers.

Haliburton led by seven points at the halftime break. By the end of the third quarter, the Hawks dominated and shutout their opponents with a 15-0 run for an insurmountable 31-9 lead. Norwood got on the scoreboard in the fourth and played more competitively, scoring 11 points, but Haliburton stayed ahead in the quarter battle, scoring 15 points and closed out the game to win.

The team will now represent Kawartha A as the top seed at the COSSA (Central Ontario Secondary School Athletics) tournament this week.

When the Hawks started the season, he said, they lacked discipline, but factored in the success the team enjoyed. With the personnel, this team is best suited to play an inside and outside style of game and have worked hard to execute this strategy, which improved steadily over the season, resulting in the title win.

Assisted by Sam Little, the team has been preaching discipline and team play from the beginning.

Discipline was part of the game plan, as Cochrane instituted a no three-point shot rule to his players before the game. He wanted to get his team to focus on high percentage shots, close to the net.

He also told his team before the title game everybody needed to rebound, which was heard and taken to heart. Rebounding, he said, was something he noticed was the difference between the Norwood Knights and the St. Thomas Titans in the Kawartha semi-



Head coach Gord Cochrane, left back, stands with Steven Dudgeon, Kyle Davis, Kade Bain, Caden Little, Ben Livingston and assistant coach Sam Little while players Tevin Sullivan, left, Colby Lambshead, Connor Swinson, Austen French and Michael Swiezawski are seated for a team photo after the Kawartha A championship title game on Thursday, Feb. 16 in Haliburton. The team's defence forced numerous turnovers and factored in the team's 35-20 win, earning a berth to COSSA as the top Kawartha A seed. Absent for the photo were Liam LIttle and Phoenix Accero./DARREN LUM Staff

final earlier in the day. It enabled the Knights to meet them for the title game.

All of his players used their footwork and positioning to effectively shut down the Knights.

He praised his defensive standouts such as Ben Livingstone, who kept the Knights at bay on the wing, Cade Bain and Steven Dudgeon. Hawks guard Austen French led all scorers with 13 points while forward Steve Dudgeon finished with eight points.

# Hawks muzzle Bulldogs in semi-finals

The junior Red Hawks started the Kawartha A championship run with a dominant 48-22 semi-final win over the visiting Bulldogs of

Lacking scoring punch and defensive coverage on the fast break, the Bulldogs were outclassed by the home team. The red and white executed on both ends, creating turnovers by stepping into the passing lanes and marking their opponents well on defence while moving the ball well and scoring on fast break opportunities on the other.



Although Hawks forward Steve Dudgeon led his team with 12 points, the team's balanced attack included three other players

Red Hawks player Caden Little is fouled on a shot in the key by Norwood Knights players Kawartha A championship title game on Thursday, Feb. 16 in Haliburton.

(Austen French, Tevin Sullivan and Caden Little) with eight points.

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# Red Hawks send eight wrestlers to OFSAA

Haliburton Red Hawks wrestlers have exceeded the coaches' expectations during the 2017 championship run. Eight Red Hawks have earned a berth to the OFSAA Wrestling Championships in Brampton on March 1 to 3. This is the largest group of athletes in the history of wrestling at HHSS to qualify for the provincial high school championships. Coaches Paul Klose and Dan Fockler are extremely proud of the team's accomplishment.

On Feb. 10, the Red Hawks travelled to Peterborough to compete at the Kawartha Wrestling Championships. The team performed consistently well throughout the tournament. Eleven Hal High athletes ranked among the top three in their respective divisions. Special mention goes to Kawartha champions Aidan Coles, Chloe Samson, Hannah Riopelle and Karissa Riopelle. With all points combined, the HHSS women's wrestling team won the team championship title. Each member of the girls team contributed to the title. It was truly a team effort.

As a result of their performances, 12 Haliburton wrestlers advanced to the COSSA Wrestling Championships held on Feb. 16 in

COSSA successful

As expected, competition was fierce, and the Red Hawks rose to the challenge. The men's team was solidly represented by Matt Manning, Aidan Coles and Dylan Freake, who each won all but one match. All three boys move on to the OFSAA championships.

Once again, the HHSS women's team showed their competitive spirit. At the end of the tournament, six Red Hawks took the top three spots on the podium. Their efforts earned enough team points to place second among all COSSA women's teams. Congratulations to Hannah Riopelle, Karissa Riopelle, Noelle Dupret-Smith, Emily Klose and Chloe Sampson, who all advance to

The Red Hawks wrestling team will continue to practice in preparation for the provincial championships. The success of the eight Hal High representatives is attributed to the efforts of the entire team. All team members have worked together to elevate the performance of each individual.

"It takes a total team effort in the mat room



to generate success," Klose said.

# Results

### **Kawartha Championships**

Champions - Hannah Riopelle (41 kg), Karissa Riopelle (44 kg), Chloe Samson (83 kg), Aidan Coles (89 kg)

2nd Place - Rebecca Hamilton (54 kg), Matt Manning (67.5 kg)

3rd Place – Sonya Flatman (54 kg), Noelle Dupret-Smith (61 kg), Emily Klose (64 kg), Connor Spence (72 kg), Dylan Freake (83

Red Hawks wrestler Noelle Dupret-Smith wrestles an opponent at the COSSA Wrestling Championships held on Feb. 16 in Trenton. The team is sending a record eight wrestlers, including Dupret-Smith to the OFSAA Wrestling Championships from March 1 to 3 in Brampton. Joining Dupret-Smith at the all-provincials is COSSA champion Hannah Riopelle, Chloe Samson, Matt Manning, Aidan Coles, Karissa Riopelle, Emily Klose and Dylan Freake. Photo by Hannah Riopelle.

5th Place – Charlotte Paton (61 kg) 6th Place – Austin Weller (64 kg)

### **COSSA Championships**

Champion - Hannah Riopelle

2nd Place - Noelle Dupret-Smith, Chloe Samson, Matt Manning, Aidan Coles

3rd Place - Karissa Riopelle, Rebecca Hamilton, Emily Klose, Dylan Freake

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# Senior Hawks preparing for redemption

by DARREN LUM

Times Staff

A heartbreaking loss at home in the Kawartha A Championship title game isn't taking away from the team's effort and achievements this season, said the Red Hawks head coach Paul Longo.

With just minutes left in the second quarter into the A championship final between the raucously supported Red Hawks senior boys' basketball and the visiting St. Thomas Titans, the game looked all but over with a 36-12 lead, built from solid defence and seven three-pointers by Sam Longo and McKay Coneybeare, who combined for 27 points, outscoring their opponents.

That's what makes losing 66-55 to the Titans all the more disappointing for fans and players.

However, Paul Longo still believes in his team and wants them to remember there is another game.

"I'm proud of my guys. They're wonderful boys and I can't say enough about how hard they've worked this year. We don't want the season to end on a sour note like this, but it's not over. We still have an opportunity next week to try and redeem it," he said. "Win or lose our first [COSSA] game next week that's really not the issue. It's more about playing hard and playing with integrity and playing for each other and giving it everything we got until the bitter end. I don't care what the score is and I don't care if we win or lose. Just Red Hawk pride.'

Longo loved the first quarter, but admits his team didn't respond to the Titans when they needed to, but he credits the visitors for not giving up.

"We came out hot. We probably played

our best first quarter of the year," he said. "Defensively we ... fell apart. Give St. Thomas credit. They didn't back down. They didn't get down on themselves. They kept pushing it and then made it a decent game at the half,"

The Titans chipped away and took advantage of Hawks misses. With a little more than four minutes left in the second, the visitors went on a 9-0 run and then kept adding to it, as the Hawks shooting dried up. The Titans finished the half with a 14-2 run and were only down 11 points at the halftime break.

"I told our guys they're going to go on a run. They will and they did. It was up to us to respond in the third quarter. We didn't," he said.

It wasn't until close to the midway mark of the third that the Hawks scored when Coneybeare sank a bucket on the drive to momentarily keep the red and white up by four points, 40-36. It was only the Hawks' fourth point in close to eight minutes. The junior basketball team from St. Thomas yelled in appreciation, as the Titans senior squad tied the game at 40-40 with 3:40 to go in the third. The Titans run grew to 26-4. A reversal of fortune from the first quarter when Haliburton dominated to the delight of a packed partisan

Although the Hawks reclaimed a lead of 45-42 late in the third, it was short-lived. The Titans tied it up with a three pointer and then finished by doubling up on the Hawks in the second half and closed out the game 64-55. Haliburton only scored eight points in the fourth to the Titans' 15.

It was apparent that the Hawks and their faithful believed the calls were one-sided, favouring the Titans. Longo doesn't want that to be focus of the game, but said it did have

"I think we ... I'm never going to blame the referees for anything. There were, I think, some questionable calls, especially against Kyle [Cooper] and McKay [Coneybeare] there," he said.

Both players had combined seven fouls in the first half. They both fouled out in the

He adds, having two of his starting five, in foul trouble changes the nature of the game, as far as coaching related to strategy and rotations.

"But no excuses. Give St. Thomas the credit. They came back hard and won the game," he said.

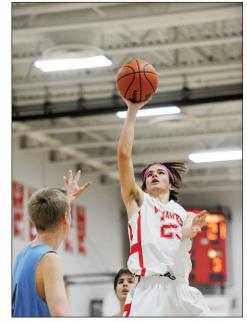
Coneybeare finished with a team high 20 points, followed by Sam Longo's 19 points.

Paul Longo said the "silver lining" of this game is that it seeds the teams for the single-elimination COSSA (Central Ontario Secondary School Athletics) tournament this week. Both teams will represent Kawartha A schools.

"Sure we lost the championship, but we still get a second seed at COSSA and we have an opportunity to redeem ourselves, which is nice to end on," he said.

Last year's COSSA title winners, Nicholson, are likely to be the top seed from Quinte, the Hawks' opponents last season. Longo isn't ready to concede anything, whoever the opponents will be, as Nicholson Catholic College has not been confirmed.

"You got to play the game. Anything can happen," he said. "If we play strong D like I



Hawks guard McKay Coneybeare hangs in the air before a shot./ **DARREN LUM Staff** 

know we can ... we're going to play the game and play hard."

"It was a kick in the groin, but we got to shake it off and get back at it [Friday]. Have a team meeting at lunch tomorrow and we're going to air it out and we're going to let it go. We're going to get back at it on Tuesday and get ready for Thursday," he said after the loss, referring to COSSA.







# **MINORHOCKEY**

# Cheer on the peewees Friday in Haliburton

On Saturday, Feb. 18, JoAnne Sharpley's Source for Sports/Haliburton Family Medical Centre peewees headed to Penetanguishene to play in their first semifinal game versus the Penetang Flames. The first period saw both teams battle back and

forth with Darian Maddock keeping his team in the game. The first period ended with no score. The second period the Flames scored three to put them ahead 3-0 going into the third. After regrouping the Storm came out in the third scoring early with a

goal by Ty Mills assisted by Nick Phippen and Evan Armstrong. The Flames managed to score two more goals taking the game 5-1 and taking the series lead 1-0. Game 2 for the Storm is Friday, Feb. 24 at 7 p.m. in Haliburton. Come cheer on the team. Hope to see you there!

Submitted by Ron Hall

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# Close game for tykes

Friday, Feb. 16 the tyke team travelled straight from school to head to Huntsville to face off against the Otters. The team fought hard throughout the whole game. They were down 2-0 going into the second but were able to get three goals in during the second period. Vanek Logan shot in two amazing goals and Leighton Nesbitt finished off the second period scoring, assisted by Deagan Davison.

The third period was a back and forth struggle. Vanek Logan got the last goal of the game for the Storm, assisted by Henry Neilson, but they lost 7-4. The tykes will face the Otters again on March 5 in Minden. Back at it on Saturday, Feb. 25 the tykes travel to Gravenhurst.

Good luck, Storm!

Submitted by Tamara Bain

# Atoms end season in Wasaga Beach

On Feb. 11, The Cottage Country Building Supplies/Ridgewood Ford Highland Storm atoms hosted the Wasaga Beach for the fourth game of the playoffs against the Wasaga Beach Stars. The Storm played hard but lost 10-6. This game knocked the atom team out of the playoffs and ended their season. Goals scored by Austin Boylan Aiden Perrott, Addison Carr and Beckam Reynolds.

Submitted by Amber Card

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# **COUNTY OF HALIBURTON** LAND DIVISION COMMITTEE NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR CONSENT

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** pursuant to Section 53(5)(a) of the Planning Act and Section 3, O.Reg. 197/96, as amended, that the following Applications for Consent have been submitted to the Haliburton County Land Division Committee, the consent granting authority in these matters.

AND FURTHER THAT at its meeting to be held Monday, March 13th, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the Administration Building, County of Haliburton Office, 11 Newcastle Street, Minden, Ontario, this Application for Consent will be heard by the Land Division Committee:

1. File No. H-035/16

Applicant: Michael & Elizabeth Turner; Rosemary & Timothy Elstone Location of the Property: Pt Lot 30, Concession 10, Geographic Township of Minden Nature of the Application: To create a new lot

File No. H-036/16

Applicant: Dennis & Susan Davis Location of the Property: Pt Lot 23, Concession 3, Geographic Township of Stanhope Nature of the Application: To permit a lot addition to abutting lands

Applicant: Estate of W. Ray Welch & Maraylene Welch Location of the Property: Pt Lot 23, Concession 3, Geographic Township of Stanhope Nature of the Application: To permit a lot addition to abutting lands

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File No. H-043/16

Applicant: William & Joan Lindsay

Location of the Property: Pt Lot 21, Concession 7, Geographic Township of

Nature of the Application: To create a new lot, together with an easement for right-ofway (correction of title)

File No. H-047/16

Applicant: Richard & Melanie Hevesi

Location of the Property: Pt Lot 13, Concession 13, Geographic Township of Minden Nature of the Application: To permit a lot addition to abutting lands

Additional information regarding any of the above-noted applications is available for public inspection at the Land Division Office by appointment during regular business hours, Monday to Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

If a person or public body that files an appeal of a decision of the Land Division Committee in respect of the proposed consent does not make written submissions to the Land Division Committee before it gives or refuses to give a provisional consent, the Ontario Municipal Board may dismiss the

If you wish to be notified of the decision of the Land Division Committee in respect of the proposed consent, you must make a written request to the undersigned.

Dated at the Township of Minden Hills this 23rd day of February, 2017.

Lisa Gillan Secretary-Treasurer Haliburton County Land Division Committee 11 Newcastle Street P. O. Box 399 Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0 Telephone: (705) 286-1333 or 1-866-886-8815, Ext. 248 Fax: (705) 286-4829 E-mail: lgillan@county.haliburton.on.ca

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# COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT - NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING **Application FOR Minor Variance**

Take Notice that the Committee of Adjustment of the Township of Minden Hills will hold a Public Hearing on:

DATE: Monday, February 27, 2017 TIME: 9:30 a.m.

Municipal Council Chambers LOCATION: 7 Milne Street, Minden, Ontario.

to consider minor variance applications PLMV2016069, PLMV2017003, and PLMV2017007. The purpose of the Public Hearing will be to consider the proposed Minor Variances to the Township of Minden Hills Zoning By-law pursuant to Section 45 of the Planning Act. The minor variance applications being considered are listed below:

PLMV2016069 (2nd Hearing) - Part of Lot 17, Concession 2, Geographic Township of Minden; municipally known as <u>1211 Loucks Lane</u>; and located on Canning Lake (see Key Map).

**Purpose and Effect of the Application:** To permit the reconstruction of the existing non-complying two storey Sleeping Cabin which is located at the High Water Mark with a larger and taller two storey Sleeping Cabin at the same location. The applicant seeks relief from the Zoning By-law to permit a 1 m. (3'4") increase in height allowing for a 5.55 m. (18'3") high accessory building whereas 4.5 m. is otherwise the maximum and no increase is permitted for a building within 15 m.



of the High Water Mark; and, to permit an 18.3% increase (9.2 m2 [98.6 sq.ft.]) to the existing 50.1 m2 (539.6 sq.ft.) footprint whereas no increase would otherwise be permitted. As a result of the increased size, the Lot Coverage for accessory buildings and structures would amount to 5.7%, whereas 5% is otherwise required.

PLMV2017003 - Part of Lot 4 & 5, Concession 'A', Geographic Township of Minden; municipally known as 55 Parkside Street;

Purpose and Effect of the Application: To permit a demonstration farm as a permitted use. The proposed variance would facilitate a request to permit the raising of livestock for educational purposes which could consist of two (2) goats or one (1) heifer; one (1) pig; and, chickens at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre.



PLMV2017007 - Part of Lot 18, Concession 2, Geographic Township of Minden; municipally known as 1025 Canfield Lane; and located on Canning Lake (see key map).

**Purpose and Effect of the Application:** To permit a change in use of the existing, non-conforming, boathouse to that of a recreational



Have Your Say: Input on the above noted applications is welcome and encouraged. You can provide input by speaking at the public meeting or by making a written submission to the Township. If you do not attend the public meeting, it may proceed in your absence and, except as otherwise provided in The Planning Act, you will not be entitled to any further notice in the proceedings.

Written Submission: To provide input in writing, or to request written notice of the decision, ase contact the undersigned or e-mail *iclendening@mindenhills.ca*. If you do not make a written submission prior to a decision, nor make an oral submission at the Public Hearing, and subsequently submit an appeal of the decision, the Ontario Municipal Board may dismiss the appeal.

**More information:** Additional information regarding these applications will be available for public inspection until noon on the day of the hearing at the Township of Minden Hills Building and Planning Department during normal office hours, and online at www.mindenhills.ca.

For more information about this matter contact *iclendening@mindenhills.ca*.

Dated this 16th day of February, 2017. Ian Clendening, MPl. Secretary-Treasurer, Committee of Adjustment P.O. Box 359, 7 Milne Street, Minden ON., K0M 2K0

# **UPCOMING**

# Community **Events**

### **Kinmount Winter Fest**

Sat. Feb. 25, 6:30 - 9pm. Free Family Snowflake Ball. Come dressed in your finest!

Kinmount Community Centre. Snack Bar by Donation Sunday, Feb. 26, 8:30 - 11am Pancake Breakfast. Kinmount Community Centre

Free Family fun, 11 am - 3 pm. Kinmount Arena & Fairgrounds. Horse Drawn Sleigh Rides, Cardboard Toboggan Race, Games, Bonfire, Skating and more Follow us on Twitter @kinmount Visit kinmount.ca

### **Razzamataz Kids Shows**

When: Sunday February 26, 2017, 2:00pm Where: Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion Saraka by Ballet Creole, ON

### **National Cupcake Day in Support of the OSPCA**

When: Monday, Feb 27 from 9am to 5pm Where: Minden Animal Hospital - 9 Bobcaygeon Rd, Minden, ON, 705-286-2919

Join us for yummy cupcakes! All proceeds will go to the OSPCA. Pre-orders welcome! \$1 per cupcake or

# St. George's Anglican Church 78th Pancake Supper

When: February 28, 5-7 pm Where: Haliburton Legion

There will be no charge for the dinner. Donations will go to the 4C's. Gluten free pancakes will be available. All are welcome.

### **Canadian Parents for French and the TLDSB Present**

Nationally Acclaimed English and French Singer & Songwriter Mike Ford In Concert

When: Tuesday Feb. 28 at 6:30 pm Where: Northern Lights Pavilion

Cost: Free - CPF members, Donation - everyone else Tickets can be picked up at: JDH, HHSS or call Vanessa @ 705-286-2528

# **Local concert in support of YWCA** When: Saturday March 4, 2pm - 5 pm

Where: Haliburton United Church, 10 George Street, Haliburton

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# **Woodlands Wildlife Sanctuary Annual** Fundraiser, "Go Wild 4 Wildlife"

When: Saturday March 4th Where: Pinestone Resort

Come on out for a nice buffet dinner, bid on some incredible silent auction item and dance the night away to fabulous music by the Carl Dixon Trio and special guest Jeff Moulton.

All proceeds from this fundraiser help the sanctuary care for the 100's of orphaned and injured wildlife they admit each year, and this year they are raising funds to build a large flight enclosure for rehabilitating birds of

Help Woodlands Wildlife Sanctuary save our wildlife... one animals at a time.

Don't delay! Last year's event was sold out! Tickets are only \$45 pp and available through their website at www. woodlandswildlifesanctuary.ca or can be reserved at the door by contacting Monika at 705 286-1133.

## **Reptile Road Show**

When: Saturday, Mar. 18, 10 am start time until noon (arrive before 10 please for registration)

This is of our most popular events of the year! The knowledgeable folks from Scales Nature Park will bring their highly acclaimed outreach program to Haliburton once again, with a selection of interesting snakes and turtles for us to see, touch, and learn about.

Tickets must be purchased before the event either online at www.haliburtonlandtrust.ca or in person at our office at 739 Mountain St. Haliburton.

Cost: General Admission, \$15.00 per adult, \$10.00 Per child, Family Pass (up to 2 adults and 2 children) \$30.00

Location: Haliburton Outdoors Association Fish Hatchery, 6712 Gelert Rd. Haliburton

# Warm weather wishes for Winterfest

# **AROUND**THE TOWN

Patti Fleury 705-488-2938 brucefleury1@hotmail.com

Here at the old farmhouse my observation that this weather pattern of warm days and nights below freezing would soon cause the maple sap to flow was confirmed on CHEX morning television during a story about an area family who had started syrup making on Feb. 19 this year – two days earlier than their previous record. We still remember Saturdays heading up the hill with the children to collect sap from our six taps and carrying the metal buckets back to the kitchen. With us usually only there for the weekend the sap was set immediately on the old woodstove to boil down until we learned that it could be frozen until the follwing visit. I remember one spring when the steam in the farm kitchen was so heavy it caused the wallpaper to peel right off the wall. This was never a possible complication mentioned in those country living magazines. It was a reality similar to my later having to relocate this computer downstairs as the cluster flies arttracted to the upstairs light kept hitting the touch screen and setting off all kinds of

Just try explaining that over the phone to Dell tech support!

Let's hope that Mother Nature smiles on Kinmount this coming weekend as much as last. Winterfest 2017 starts off with the annual Family Snowflake Ball sponsored by the Kinmount Community Centre Management Board this Saturday, Feb. 25 from 6:30 to 9 p.m. in the Community Centre. There is admission charge and the

snack bar will be open by donation. The next morning Sunday, Feb. 26 will start the family fun with a pancake breakfast served from 8:30 to 11 a.m. at the community centre then the activities begin in earnest at the arena and the fairgrounds from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. There will be something for everyone with horse drawn sleigh rides, children's games, the famous decorated toboggan race, broomball and special exhibits including antique snowmobiles. For more information give Julie a call at 705-488-2961 or visit www. kinmount.ca. This year's theme is Canada 150 so be sure to wear your best hat and enter the Crazy Canadian Headgear Contest. Once again appreciation to the Kinmount Committee for Planning & Economic Development and its great volunteers for making this annual event possible. Can spring be far behind? The arena ice is a natural surface and as such dependent on the weather. For enquiries re availability please call 705-488-2547.

A reminder that the Kinmount Lions Club does have medical equipment such as hospital beds, wheelchairs, walkers and other aids to support independent living at home available for loan to area residents. To enquire please contact Vic at 705-488-3053 or Dave at 705-488-2005. Another project of the Lions is the Recycle for Sight the collection of used eyeglasses which may help someone else here or overseas to see better. Glasses can be dropped off at the Kinmount District Health Centre.

Well apparently the Toronto Blue Jays will be hitting off their pre-season activity in Dunedin, Florida this weekend. Hopefully there will be some televised coverage as last year so we can give up CNN and President Trump's antics. Until next week keep busy and well. They go together...

# County card scores

Feb. 13 contract bridge at Stanhope: Highest marks went to Ewa Markowski 5,440, Alek Zworski 5,170, Irena Zworska 5,070 and Ross Fletcher 4,410 with Carol Bowker awarded the Lucky

Feb. 14 contract bridge at Minden United Church: Nancy Ballantyne reports that Don Ballantyne took top spot at 4,450 then Jan Heaven 4,370 and Dave Heaven 3,470 with Jan and visitor Nick teaming up for a Small Slam.

Feb. 14 Mixed Shuffleboard at Stanhope Firehall: In first place were Jean Randell and Gerry Lyddiatt 305 then Bev Kerr and Ray Lymer 293. Our reporter Pearl Cowen and George Hamilton claimed third spot with 282 while the afternoon's low of 209 was posted by Lyn Preston partnered with Max McKelvey.

Feb. 14 Minden Seniors bid euchre at Minden Legion: Only a small group braved the weather with our reporter Betty Wagar high lady at 315 and Tom Grix high man at 267. Tom also won the major draw with Pat Norman, Howard Smith and Clare Obdam claiming the smaller prizes.

by Patti Fleury ~ 488-2938 ~ brucefleury1@hotmail.com

Feb. 14 euchre at Lochlin Community Centre: Holding the most lone hands was Helen Burk with Betty Hicks high lady and Reta Crofts low. For the gents Harold Harvie was high and Nick Biljetina low while Gene Newell took home the special prize. Thanks to Nancy McPherson for this news.

Feb. 15 duplicate bridge at Parklane, Haliburton: Leading in North/South were Ross Davies and Rod Smyth 56 percent and Peter O'Connor partnered with Heather Lindsay 54 percent. Over in East/West the honours went to Ross Fletcher and Doug McIntosh 62 percent and Reet Murray teamed with Frank Schlotter 53 percent.

Feb. 15 Big Bucks Bid Euchre at Kinmount Legion: Rose Isaacson reports that the high scoring trio members were Norm Lane 408, Theresa Deak 370 and Frank Franzen 350.

Feb. 16 euchre at Minden Legion: Holding the most lone hands were Betty Wagar and Al McMullen with Kaye Bull high for the ladies and Yvonne Arbuthnot low. Kelsey Thompson was high man and Brian Haslam low while Bev Johnson, Pearl Cowen, Alan Arbuthnot and Clinton Brown claimed the evening's other

Feb. 16 bid euchre at Minden Community Centre: Leading ladies were Betty Wagar 293, Barb Robitaille 251, our reporter Bev Johnson 236 and Vi Howell 210. First for the gents at 240 was Doug McIntosh followed by John Deak 235, Al McMullen 229 and Howard Smith 220. Archie Ross held the hidden score while Theresa Deak won both the card draw and call 1. Single moonshots struck Kevin Maloney, Bev Johnson, Pearl Cowen, and Yves Lamoureux while Theresa Deak took two.

Feb. 17 duplicate bridge at Echo Hills, Haliburton: Playing Howell top marks were recorded by Rod Smyth and Reet Murray 65 percent, Ross Fletcher and Helen Baker 58 percent, our bridge reporter [3 events] Muriel McIntosh partnered with Ross Davies 57 percent then Irena and Alek Zworski 52 percent.

Feb. 17 euchre at Staanworth Court, Minden: Winning for both high hands and the special prize was Sherin Brown with Bev Johnson holding the most lone hands and Jean Randell winning for low hands. Thanks to Shirley Howe for this update.

Feb. 19 Sunday Bid Euchre at Minden Community Centre: Bev Johnson reports that the top three players were Dave Deemert 282, Nancy Gibson 281 and Evelyn Tullock 271. Pauline franzen held the hidden score, Frank Franzen won for call 1 and Evelyn Tullock took the card draw and shared the high game overall with Jason Peacock both at 79 points while Archie Ross and Theresa Deak had moonshots.

Feb. 20 Kinmount Seniors bid euchre at Kinmount Legion: At 264 Dana Briscoe captured first place then Frank Franzen 234 and Pauline Franzen 205 while our reporter Rose Isaacson won the

Feb. 20 euchre at Staanworth Terrace, Minden: From Sherin Brown the news that Shirley Howe won for high hands, Bev Johnson for lone hands and Eileen Shepstone for both low hands and the special prize.



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# Warm weather causes a variety of problems

warm weather has virtually knocked the pins out from under the tourist trade in the county. As snow on cross country ski and snowmobile trails dwindled this past week, resort owners throughout the region began receiving cancellations. Caught by the warm weather, most resort operators are not optimistic about the final month of the winter season. Most feel the 'spirit" of the season has now been broken and it is now impossible to recover the momentum which was created early this year.

The warm weather has raised the levels of most creeks and rivers in the county. Lakes show wet slushy areas and while there is still thick ice in many areas, sections of open water are expanding as air temperatures

atures. Bush operations have strategy.

The two week stretch of a week to enable the last of the logging to be completed before the end of March.

According to maple syrup producer Wally Crofts the mild conditions have not yet hurt this season's potential flow. Crofts noted that sunshine is the key to bud growth and sap flow. The mild weather of the last two weeks has generally been without sunshine. He said there could be problems if the temperature remains above normal, but commented that the sap has not yet started to flow. Crofts said a return to colder temperatures for the next two weeks would help put the maple syrup season back on schedule.



The Reverend George Elliott of St. Paul's Anglican, Minden leads the colour party as the annual Scout church parade held Sunday. The Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Brownies and Girl Guides were in attendance at the service which marks the birthday of the founder of the Scouting movement, Lord Baden Powell

# Plan considered by county Official

Admitting that provisions and water flows increase.

A Ministry of Natural Resources spokesman reports

A Ministry of Natural development strategy are not being followed, members of that minor flooding is being Haliburton County Council experienced along the Burnt have agreed to undertake a River south of Kinmount, but full scale appraisal of the in most other areas the rivers strategy and will consider the are staying within the banks. possibility of expanding the Cold temperatures are needed document into an Official at this point to slow the run- Plan. The municipal off created by the weather the politicians also agreed, at the MNR spokesman comment- February 18 meeting, to hold at least one workshop to Loggers have also been enable them to become more caught by the warm temper- familiar with the development

ground to a halt as frozen The review and assessment access roads slowly turned to was one of three options cona thick mire under the wheels sidered by the council. The of the heavy logging planning committee of equipment. Cold dry condit-council had met earlier last

the Ministry of Housing to consider the alternatives. The other two options which were rejected, were to continue with the strategy as the mun-icipalities have been doing, or enter a full scale appraisal and

Official Plan preparation.
The councillors chose the middle route, opting to become more familiar with development strategy while at the same time carrying out studies to determine if there is a need for a county-wide official plan.

The development strategy is a document prepared last year which outlines the direction planning was to take in the county. It identified specific sensitive areas and suggested that would be suitable for in-

dustrial, commerical and recreational development. The strategy has received the approval of the Minister of Housing but the document has no legal standing. It is a guide to municipal councils, developers and the public as to the general wish of plann-ers for the county ers for the county.

It is on this point that the strategy differs widely from an Official Plan. Such a document, approved by the Housing Ministry, is considered a legal expression of development wishes in the planning area. The Ontario Municipal Board accepts statements contained in Official Plans when evidence is presented in development hearings, whereas the development strategy currently in use in the county is generally considered a guide but not policy.

The evaluation which the county has agreed to undertake will assess the benefits that could be gained by creating an Official Plan for the County. A representative of the Housing Ministry, Pat Vanini, told the councillors that there was not enough information gathered at this point to say whether an Official Plan would be of value. She said the study would examine the costs of planning as it is now carried out at the municipal level and whether having a central plan, with planning staff, could reduce this expense. The investigation will also study the problems of integrating a county-wide plan with the one which now exists in Dysart et

The study will cost, according to Vanini, between \$5,000 and \$10,000 with 50% of the expense being covered by provincial funds. Dysart. since it already has an Official Plan, would not be required to contribute to the costs of the study

Several councillors agreed

with the suggestion that the planning strategy, approved just last year, is being ignored by many of the municipal oy many of the municipal councils in whole or in part. Warden Murray Fearrey stated, "The strategy is not being enforced and we should ensure that it is." He noted that an Official Plan does not whole municipalities into "lock municipalities into a certain planning strategy". He said that changes could be made, but that these changes would require public scrutiny

before being approved.
"What we are really asking here," the Warden comment-ed, "is to have the municipalities utilize the present development strategy and then take it one step further, to prepare ourselves for future planning."

The members of the council generally endorsed the idea of a workshop to enable the members to become more familiar with the planning strategy. Former Warden Malcolm MacGillivray described it as a step in the right direction.

The councillors however, appeared to be a bit uncertain about extending the assessment to determine if an Official Plan would be of value to the county. However, in the and the bar page of the county of the county of the second the county. in the end the members of the council agreed to the study and the work will now begin.

Lutterworth Reeve Ron Gambell questioned the need of the planning committee of the county council to review severances and other matters approved by the municipal councils. The suggestion that these items be reviewed by the committee was made by the Warden. Gambell noted the county already employs a land severance committee to review the municipal severances. The Warden said he felt the extra review was needed to ensure provisions of the development were being followed.

# Hyland Crest budget tops \$1 million mark

With the suggestion from County Warden Murray Fearrey that the request for a budget increase for Hyland Crest was "no more out of line than the others received by County Council today (Feb-ruary 18)", the budget proposed for the operation of the home was taken under advisement by the council. The group had just finished hearing requests from various county agencies for their 1981 allottment when Lutterworth Reeve Ron Gambell, chairman of the board of told the meeting the Hyland Crest budget had broken through the \$1 million mark.

While a large portion of the funding for the home will come from the provincial government local taxpayers will have to contribute \$127,000 this year. This compares with \$90,000 from the local taxpayers last year.
(It should be noted that at

this point the budget figures

The county council's budget committee will be meeting shortly to nursing load since the number approve, reduce and set the of extended care beds was amount to be received by each of the departments).

for the home was close to \$900,000 and that this year the Jecting an expenditure of \$1,007,000. He pointed out that a portion of the increase will be used to cover a deficit of \$31,000 from 1980, the result of an unanticipant. board of management is pro-jecting an expenditure of result of an unanticipated wage settlement and increased expenses. Gambell noted that

comment by noting there had always been a budget surplus home.

Gambell pointed out that the home is carrying a greater increased from 38 to 42. "These people require round-Gambell told the meeting the-clock care," he told the that last year the total budget meeting. Hyland Crest has a

60 bed capacity. Stanhope Reeve Jim Harrison asked if the committee part-time staff be better utilized?"

Gambell said there are only two full-time nurses on staff similar pressures will be now and that the committee exerted on the budget of the had reviewed the situation home during the coming year.

The Lutterworth Reeve also suggested that budget requests in the past have not hear realistic forms bear and was told by the supervisor that no changes could be made. Gambell stated however that the matter was been realistic. Former board still under review when Reeve of management chairman
Bob Vick, Reeve of Snowdon
Township, responded to the

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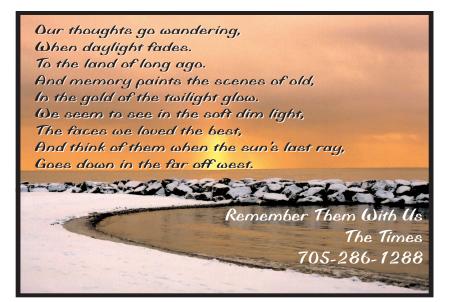
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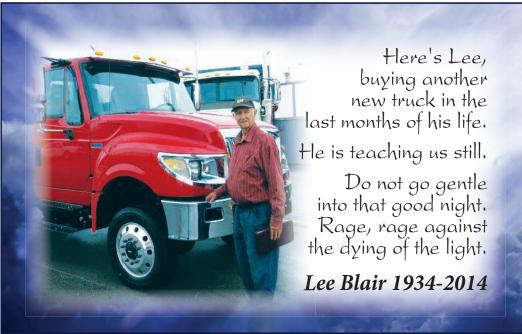
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# Giles Connelly

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